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1. SOVIET MINISTRY OF FERROUS METALLURGY DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED RETURN SHORTLY FROM VISIT TO INLAND STEEL AND ALLIED CHEMICAL FOR PURPOSE OF INSPECTING SO-CALLED "COALTEK" COKING PROCESS IN OPERATION AND DISCUSSING LICENSING POSSIBILITIES. AT RECENT ALLIS CHALMERS RECEPTION, COMMATT AGREED WITH CHIEF OF MINISTRY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT (MALININ) TO MEET AFTER DELEGATION'S RETURN TO DISCUSS FURTHER STEPS ON THIS MATTER. MALININ WAS AWARE OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ALLIED AND CZECHS AND INDICATED THAT HIS MINISTRY WAS COORDINATING WITH CZECH ORGANIZATION INVOLVED.

2. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CZECHS ARE HOLDING OFF ON TRIP TO U.S. UNTIL AFTER THEY RECEIVE OUT ON RESULTS OF SOVIETS VISIT. ANY INFORMATION ABOUT SOVIET DELEGATION'S REACTION TO COALTEK PROCESS WILL BE REPEATED TO PRAGUE. STOESSEL

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